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(c) the amount of local help given both in kind and money for building these libraries;

(d) the number of paid librarians working;

(e) the amount spent for the purchase of books to furnish the libraries for the year 1952–53;

(f) how many libraries are supplied dailies at Government cost; and

(g) the total amount spent by the Government exclusively for maintaining the libraries of this area in the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO:—"(a) Pellur in Ongole taluk.

"(b) 24.

"(c) Rs. 29,400-2-0.

"(d) One.

"(e) Rs. 500.

"(f) One.

"(g) Rs. 1,732-5-0."

Minor irrigation works in Ponnani taluk.

* 956 Q.—SRI E. T. KUNHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation in the month of December 1952, regarding certain minor irrigation works to be started in Ponnani taluk, Malabar district; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government on the matter?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"(a) A representation, dated 2nd December 1952 from the hon. Member requesting that two more vents may be opened to the Viyam Dam and that the two channels joining above this dam may be widened and deepened and bunds constructed across them was received in December 1952.

"(b) As the suggestions had been previously examined and considered not feasible or necessary, no further action was called for on the representation."

Lower division clerks in the Revenue Department.

* 957 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether a large number of temporary lower division clerks (unqualified) in the district and division offices have been ousted or reverted under the recent orders of the Revenue Board; and

(b) the maximum period of service of those ousted or reverted and why they were so ousted or reverted?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) & (b) Since 1950, the Government have been impressing on the appointing authorities the need to appoint only qualified persons even in the case of temporary appointments. Instructions were also issued that if unqualified persons were appointed as a stop-gap measure for want of qualified persons, they should be replaced by qualified persons as early as possible. With reference to these general instructions the Board of Revenue appears to have issued instructions to the Collectors to replace all temporary unqualified lower division clerks in the District Revenue establishment by qualified persons. The Government have no information regarding the period of service of these unqualified persons who might have been replaced by qualified men. The public interest served by collecting the particulars will not be commensurate with the labour involved."

Health centre at Brahmawar and dispensary at Cherkadi, Udipi taluk.

* 958 *Q.*—SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there is any oral or written representation from the people of Brahmawar, Udipi taluk, South Kanara district for opening a health centre at Brahmawar and a Rural Dispensary at Cherkadi of Udipi taluk?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the negative."

Grievances of bus-workers of Nellore town.

* 959 *Q.*—SRI G. C. KONDAYYA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the representatives of the bus workers in Nellore town represented their grievances to the Government; and if so, with what result?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Representations from the workers of two bus services in Nellore were received in June 1952, representing their grievances. The Commissioner of Labour held conciliation proceedings and no action was considered necessary."

Inclusion of " Peruvannan " community as a Scheduled Caste.

* 960 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation regarding the non-inclusion of " Peruvannan " community in the list of Scheduled Castes; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes.